



THE WOOLPACK WATCH

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Presidents Messages

Hello Spinners!

For the month of November, we will starting a hat drive! All though Nov and Dec, all of the hats collected will be donated to the VOA Youth Shelter in SLC, and the YWCA of SLC to help the women and children in our community as the weather turns colder. Hats may be any size from newborn on up. They don't even have to be handmade. If you have unloved hats languishing in the back of your closet, dig them out and let's get them to someone in need.

To go along with the hat drive, for November's meeting we'll be learning techniques and stitches to make things easier when faced with many of the challenges of knitting or crocheting hats—though these will apply to a lot more than just hats! We'll

learn how to knit cables without a cable needle, the crochet foundation chain, magic loop cast on for both knitting and crochet for those top down hats (also great for Amigurumi), and we'll compare the direction the twist of our handspun yarns and any effect it may have on our knitting and crochet. Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks and some yarn to practice on.

The guild has been invited for a special, one night event at The Needlepoint Joint in Ogden! Come enjoy the after-hours holiday party Dec. 6th, from 6:00-8:00pm. Be on the lookout for the official invite email.

I think I mentioned at the beginning of the Fiber of the Month that I was going to focus on the "critical" breeds

first and work our way towards the recovering breeds. There are still two more breeds on the critical list that we haven't experienced yet, but those will have to wait as I can't find a supplier with any fiber in stock right now. So, we will be moving onto the "threatened" breeds, starting with Karakul. Don't forget to bring your spun Florida cracker to receive your Karakul.

Happy Spinning!

Vice Presidents Message

September meeting notes.

Fiber of the month was gulf Coast Native .

Lisa demonstrated how to make things on a budget including using a wooden spoon to make a pinky distaff, using metal hair picks to make combs and how to weave on a cardboard box We were also informed that the library is in the process of being cataloged. We are also trying to get updated email addresses and a list was passed around to get updated info. If you're getting the newsletter there's a good chance we have your correct email address. If you have information that



Vice President's message (Con't)

Sarah Moses had a literal ton, ok not literal but a lot of skeins she was able to spin on the wheel she rented from the guild. (Good time to mention we do have equipment to rent. Contact Aubrey and she can help you rent it.) and the cutest baby surprise jacket and a sweater out of her hand spun for her son.

Amy had her beautiful grand prize-winning skein from the State fair which unfortunately didn't get photographed with its ribbon because someone; Cough (Cyndi) Cough managed to put the ribbon in a safe place--never to be found again. OOPS sorry Amy!

Jill Dalhe had her squares from IWC that were natural dyed along with a book the Art and science of natural dying.

Jill Tew had a completed baby sweater. I bet the baby loves it.

Sarah Mc Bride and Lisa had matching sweater, Flanders pull-over if my notes are correct, that they had finished. Is that twin set?

Kristen had a sweaters quantity of yarn we expect to see transformed into a sweater someday.

Lisa also had an amazing shawl/scarf that she had knit. Don't remember the name of it, though.

The prize bag was won by Brandie and contained Zen and the art of knitting, fiber, hand made soap and stabby things?





October meeting notes.

These will be a bit sketchy as I took notes and lost the note pad so were relying entirely on my not so great memory.

Fiber of the month was Florida Cracker from Silver Bullet Farm on Facebook and they also offered the guild a 10% discount with the code "American Fork"

The discussion was on woolen and worsted spinning and the effects and characteristics of each.

We also got fiber for the friendship exchange. How fun for us!

For show and tell Kristen had a completed sweater. Not out of the yarn from last month but impressive all the same.

Amy had a 3d printed prototype that could be woven on and worn as a necklace. What a fun way to show of yarn I need one for every outfit.

Sarah McBride (at least I think it was her. See above about losing notes and possibly my mind with them) had a finished sweater. If it wasn't her let me know who you were, and I'll give you the proper credit and accolades you deserve next month.

The prize bag was won by Wendy Reiresen (if you've changed your last name, I don't know the new one. and contained a braid of the one strings fiber and a beautiful postcard bat.

Until we see you at the next meeting stay sane and keep spinning!

—Cyndi Marshall



**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday**

November 19 @
6:30 p.m.

Knitting and Crocheting
techniques
Hat Drive

The Viridian Center
at
8030 South 1825 West
West Jordan, UT 84088

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2019-2020 Guild Meeting Schedule

- November 19—Knitting and Crocheting Techniques/Hat Drive
 December 17— Potluck dinner and gift exchange--location pending
 January 21—Dye class--basics of dyeing roving using natural and synthetic dyes
 February 18—"Fall in Love with a Wheel"--wheel test drives
 March 17— "Dyeing for Spring"--dye exchange
 April 21—Supported spindling class and DIY clay whorls and bowls
 May 19—Lace knitting and crochet techniques, reading charts, and nupps
 June 16—Washing raw fleeces
 July 21 — Solar dyeing
 Last weekend of July — Retreat! More info to come



Holiday party at Needle-point Joint!

**Friday, December 6
6:00-8:00 pm**

Fiber of the Month

This year we're focusing on the Livestock Conservancy's Shave 'Em 2 Save 'Em program. This program was developed to help preserve endangered breeds, which you can learn more about here: <https://livestockconservancy.org>. For our Fiber of the Month, everyone will get 1oz of fiber—either raw or roving—to spin and bring back the next month to receive their next breed sample. It's \$20 to start, and \$10 to buy back in if you don't bring back your spun fiber to the next meeting. I'm mostly going to focus on the more critical breeds as those can be the hardest to source and will include information about where you can purchase more.

